



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

DNR seeks volunteers to serve as campground hosts

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is recruiting enthusiastic, reliable, and committed volunteers who would like to serve as unpaid campground hosts at some of our recreation areas across Washington state. Camp hosts provide a positive, helpful, and informative DNR presence for visitors throughout our recreation facilities.

Hosts have two primary duties—to conduct general campground maintenance and to act as a primary point of contact for campers. All hosts **must complete Basic First Aid training** and **pass a Washington State Patrol criminal background check**.

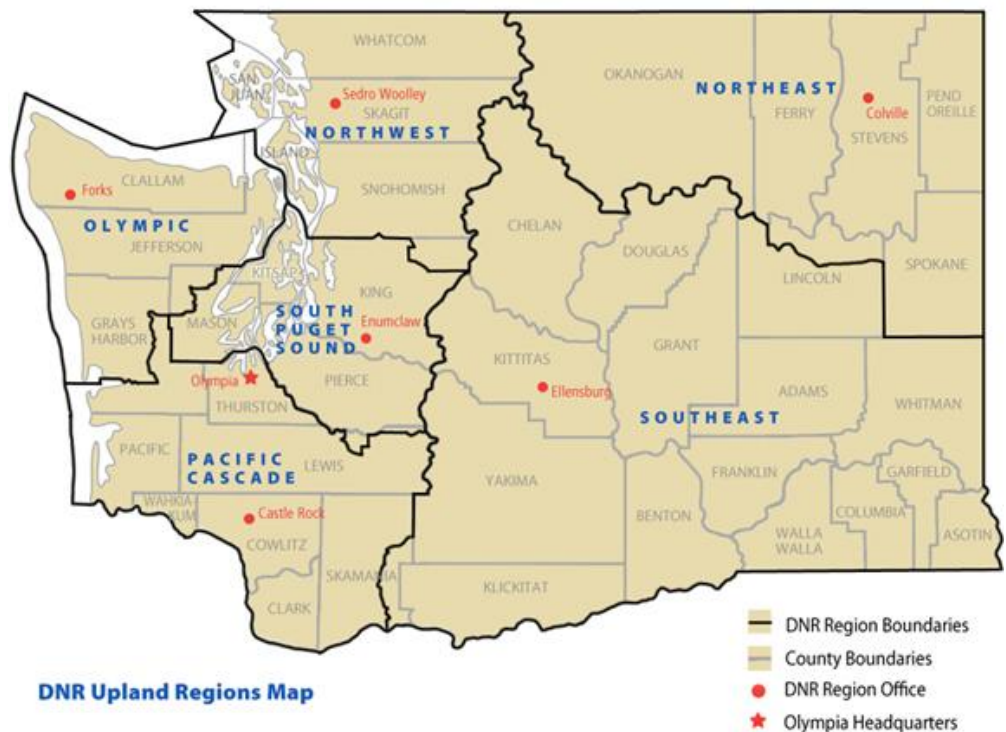
While each DNR campground has unique characteristics and natural features, the sites are all considered rustic or primitive. Each site's amenities vary.

The following is a list of DNR recreation areas needing camp hosts and a description of the sites. If you are interested in volunteering for the DNR as a campground host please call DNR's Volunteer Program Coordinator at 360-902-1632 or the regional contact listed with each site.

Select one of the following links for camp host positions in a specific DNR region:

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(Note: Northwest Region does not have camp host positions)



NORTHEAST REGION	
Starvation Lake Campground	
Location	Near Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge
Time	April 15 - September 15
Type of Use	Trailer, Tent and Day Use facilities. One ADA-accessible site.
Host Site Accommodations	Concrete parking pad, storage shed, water, septic, power, and phone provided.
Requirements	1 - 2 people to host. Minimum stay 3 months.
Contact	Brett Walker 509-684-7474 brett.walker@dnr.wa.gov
Skookum Creek Campground	
Location	On the Pend Oreille River near Usk, WA in Pend Oreille County
Time	May 15 - September 15
Type of Use	Trailer, Tent and Day Use facilities. One ADA accessible site.
Host Site Accommodations	Host will use one of the campsites.
Requirements	1 person required to host. Minimum stay 3 months.
Contact	Brett Walker 509-684-7474 brett.walker@dnr.wa.gov

OLYMPIC REGION	
Lyre River	
Location	5 miles outside of Joyce
Time	May-September
Type of Use	11-site campground No trail access
Host Site Accommodations	Host RV pad, water, no electricity
Requirements	2 people preferred
Contact	Wayne Fitzwater 360-374-6131 wayne.fitzwater@dnr.wa.gov

PACIFIC CASCADE REGION	
Middle Waddell Campground	
Location	Capitol State Forest, Thurston County
Time:	May 1 through November 30
Type of Use	ORV oriented campground with 25 campsites. Adjacent to a large day-use/staging area.
Host Site Accommodations	Host pad can accommodate a large RV. Electricity, phone, septic hook-up and water tank provided.
Requirements	2 people required to co-host
Contact	Nick Cronquist 360-480-2700 nick.cronquist@dnr.wa.gov
Margaret McKenny Campground	
Location	Capitol State Forest, Thurston County
Time	May 1 through November 30
Type of Use	25 campsites including a horse loop featuring 6 equestrian-oriented sites with corrals.
Host Site Accommodations	Host pad can accommodate a large ORV. Electricity, septic hook-up, phone and water tank provided.
Requirements	2 people to co-host
Contact	Nick Cronquist 360-480-2700 nick.cronquist@dnr.wa.gov
Merrill Lake	
Location	Southwest Washington
Time	May-September
Type of Use	Day use, boat launch, tent camping. One of the premier fly-fishing lakes in Washington.
Host Site Accommodations	Host pad accommodates a 24-foot RV, with septic hookup. No power, phone or water.
Requirements	2 people preferred. Hosts must be willing to stay a minimum of one month; longer stays are welcome.
Contact	Jessica Kimmick 360-577-2025 jessica.kimmick@dnr.wa.gov

PACIFIC CASCADE REGION continued	
Dougan Creek Campground	
Location	Southwest Washington
Time	Year round
Type of Use	Day use and tent camping.
Host Site Accommodations	Host pad accommodates a 24-foot RV Water, septic, phone, and power hookup available
Requirements	2 people preferred. Hosts must be willing to stay a minimum of one month; longer stays are welcome.
Contact	Jessica Kimmick 360-577-2025 jessica.kimmick@dnr.wa.gov
Woodland Campground	
Location	Southwest Washington
Time	May-September
Type of Use	Day use and tent camping. Close to the North Fork of the Lewis River and boat launch.
Host Site Accommodations	Host pad accommodates a 24-foot RV, with septic hookup. No power, phone or water. Close to town.
Requirements	2 people preferred. Hosts need to be willing to stay a minimum of one month; longer stays are welcome.
Contact	Jessica Kimmick 360-577-2025 jessica.kimmick@dnr.wa.gov

SOUTH PUGET SOUND REGION	
Melbourne Lake Campground	
Location:	Near Lake Cushman, Mason County
Time:	April 15 – September 15
Type of Use	Small facility with 6 campsites and a quiet, family-oriented atmosphere. Facility is located on the lake and used mostly for fishing.
Host Site Accommodations	Rustic site. No water or electricity.
Requirements	2 people preferred
Contact	Ray Minish 360-801-1080 ray.minish@dnr.wa.gov
Lilliwaup Campground	
Location	Near Lake Cushman, Mason County
Time	April 15 – September 15
Type of use	Facility is located near Lilliwaup Creek. 12 campsites, used mostly for family camping.
Host Site Accommodations	Rustic site. No water or electricity.
Requirements	2 people preferred
Contact	Ray Minish 360-801-1080 ray.minish@dnr.wa.gov
Spillman Campground	
Location	Tahuya State Forest
Time	April 15 – September 15 (potentially year-round)
Type of Use	Facility has 10 campsites, used mainly by the motorized community.
Host Site Accommodations	Rustic site. No water or electricity.
Requirements	2 people preferred
Contact	Ray Minish 360-801-1080 ray.minish@dnr.wa.gov

SOUTH PUGET SOUND REGION, continued	
Elfendahl Pass Staging Area	
Location	Tahuya State Forest
Time	April 15 – September 15 (potentially year-round or weekend hosting)
Type of Use	Facility is a trailhead and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several sites available for self-contained overnight camping • Picnic shelter • Around 50 day use parking sites Busiest area in Tahuya State Forest.
Host Site Accommodations	Rustic site. No water or electricity.
Requirements	
Contact	Ray Minish 360-801-1080 ray.minish@dnr.wa.gov

SOUTHEAST REGION	
Ahtanum Campground	
Location	30 miles southwest of Yakima
Time	June-August
Type of Use	ORV, family camping, and hunting
Host Site Accommodations	Electricity and water, phone is available within 1/4 mile. site is not ADA accessible.
Requirements	Host duties include cleaning the campground and conducting routine maintenance. Must be able to lift 30 lbs.
Contact	Erin Kreutz 509-925-8510 erin.kreutz@dnr.wa.gov
Bird Creek Campground	
Location	East side of Mount Adams, north of Glenwood
Time	May - October
Type of Use	Family camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, and exploring the areas unique volcanic geology.
Host Site Accommodations	Primitive amenities, host pad accommodates a 30-foot RV. No phone or water hook ups.
Requirements	Maintenance duties negotiable
Contact	Erin Kreutz 509-925-8510 erin.kreutz@dnr.wa.gov

SOUTHEAST REGION continued	
Indian Camp Campground	
Location	Northwest of Cle Elum
Time	May - October
Type of Use	Family camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, and horse back riding.
Host Site Accommodations	Primitive amenities. No potable water or electric hook-ups. Cell phone service w/in 15 minutes.
Requirements	Maintenance duties negotiable
Contact	Erin Kreutz 509-925-8510 erin.kreutz@dnr.wa.gov